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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 22, 2002. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

The amendment after final rejection filed on May 30, 2002 (Paper No. 8) has not been physically entered as indicated in the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 15, page 2). This amendment needs to be physically entered.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to physically enter the amendment filed May 30, 2002 (Paper No. 8) and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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